

Submission and recommendations of the Panel
Setup to aid in the resolution of the current crisis at
FTII,Pune

To,
Shri Arun Jaitley,
Hon. Minister of Information & Broadcasting,
Government of India,
New Delhi

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We, the alumni of FTII, practitioners of the art of cinema and the representatives of the students, would like to humbly submit to you after discussions with the Joint Secretary (Films), Director of FTII and others from the ministry, the following points for your serious consideration:

1. A threat to the lives and physical well-being of the students in the campus and around Pune by provocative and intimidating statements made by some members of the newly appointed Society. We have enclosed reports that have been brought to our notice. In addition professional integrity of one of the members of the new Society has been questioned by the court of law. A copy of the court order is also enclosed.
2. As per the present norms of the Society, the Chairperson is also the Chairperson of the Governing and Academic Councils. For an academic institution of this unique nature, the Chairperson and members of the Society need to be of national and international repute, as has always been the practise.
3. The Institute conducts courses in the entire spectrum of filmmaking but the composition of the new Society is skewed with five actors appointed. The Society of FTII, we believe, has to be far more wide ranging and inclusive.
4. Some eminent members have already stated their unwillingness to be a part of this new Society, thereby further diminishing its effectiveness.
5. The recent announcement by the Hon. Minister of upgrading the institute into an 'Institute of National Importance/ Central University' is imminent and requires great attention.

In the light of all the above, we request that a new committee consisting of approximately five persons is formed to look into the above issues, suggest guidelines and assist in the process of transition into an 'Institution of National Importance.' We would like to suggest that the outgoing Chairman and Vice Chairman with their knowledge and understanding of the academics, the industry and the institute are included in this committee.

Till such time you may kindly consider keeping the newly formed Society in a passive state.

Cc: ChiefSecretary, Ministry of I&B, Govt. Of India